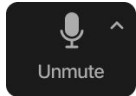


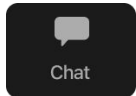
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Safe and Healthy Schools Community of Practice Call

March 28, 2024
2:00 p.m.



Safe and Healthy Schools Updates



Louisiana School Nurse Organization Conference

LSNO conference [registration](#) is now available online:

- May 7-10
- Crowne Plaza Executive Center, Baton Rouge
- Book by April 7th for Conference Group Rates
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs) offered for Registered Nurses

For more information contact susan.dupont@la.gov



Immunization Exemption Forms

REMINDER TO ALL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND NURSES:

As per [R.S. 17:170.4](#) any written communications with students' parent, legal guardians, and tutor concerning immunizations must include information on exemptions. LDOE has a [Statement of Dissent from Immunizations](#) for your use on the website.

For more information contact susan.dupont@la.gov



Lead School Nurses Contact Information

We are compiling a list of contact information for all Lead School Nurses in every school system for information sharing. Please provide your lead nurse's contact information by emailing name and email address to:

Susan.Dupont@la.gov

For more information contact susan.dupont@la.gov



AEDs in Schools

[Senate Bill 12](#) of the 2023 legislative session amended ACT No. 234 to require AEDs on site at ALL school campuses. The Bureau of Emergency Management Services (BEMS) is emailing schools to register AEDs with their organization.

Please complete the registration information at your earliest convenience.

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Celebrate Occupational Therapy Month

Every April we celebrate all Occupational Therapists working in Louisiana Schools . O.T. practitioners help students to:

- Achieve their goals
- Access the educational curriculum and environment at their highest level
- Maintain or rebuild student independence
- Participate in school and extracurricular activities



For more information about occupational therapy contact
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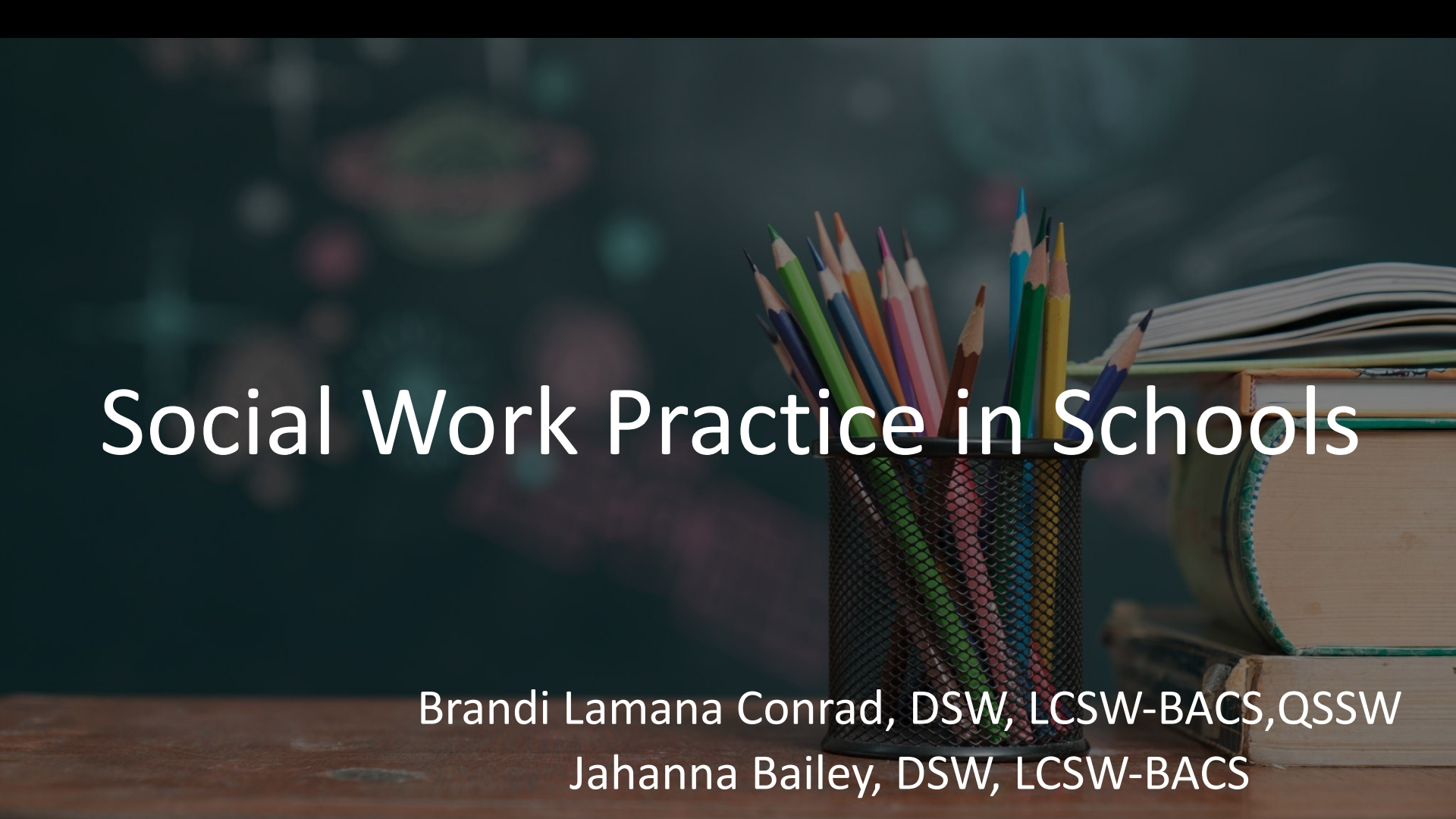
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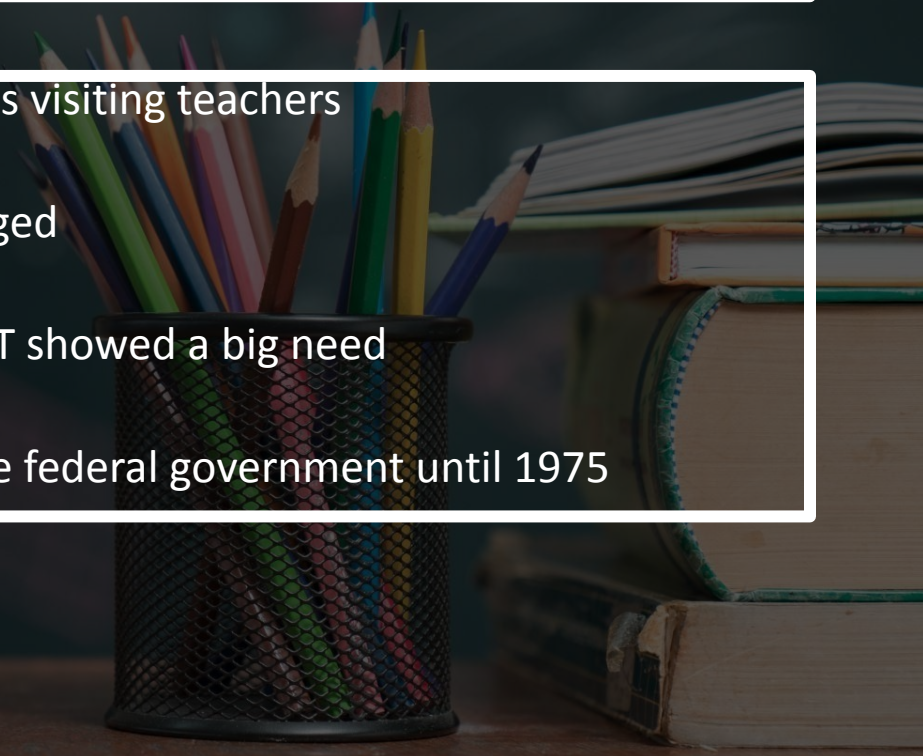
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Historical Perspectives

- Early school social workers were known as visiting teachers
 - 1906 school social work profession emerged
 - Boston, MA – New York, NY – Hartford, CT showed a big need
 - School social work was not defined by the federal government until 1975
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7 Clusters of School Social Work Functions

Lela Costin's (1973)

- Direct counseling of individuals, groups, and families
- Advocacy
- Consultation
- Community Linkage
- Interdisciplinary team coordination
- Needs Assessment
- Program and Policy Development



Role of a School Social Worker (SSWAA)

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

RELATED SERVICES:

- Participating in special education assessment meetings as well as individual Educational Planning Meetings
- Working with those problems in a child's living situation that affect the child's adjustment in school. (home, school, and community)
- Preparing a social or developmental history on a child with a disability.
- Counseling (group, individual and/or family)
- Mobilizing family, school, and community resources to enable the child to learn as effectively as possible in his or her educational program
- Assisting in developing positive behavioral intervention strategies.

SERVICES TO STUDENTS:

- Providing crisis intervention.
- Developing intervention strategies to increase academic success.
- Assisting with conflict resolution and anger management.
- Helping the child develop appropriate social interaction skills.
- Assisting the child in understanding and accepting self and others.

SERVICES TO PARENT/FAMILIES:

- Working with parents to facilitate their support in their children's school adjustment.
- Alleviating family stress to enable the child to function more effectively in school & community.
- Assisting parents to access programs available to students with special needs.
- Assisting parents in accessing and utilizing school and community resources.

SERVICES TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL:

- Providing staff with essential information to better understand factors (cultural, societal, economic, familial, health, etc.) affecting a student's performance and behavior.
- Assessing students with mental health concerns.
- Developing staff in-service training programs.
- Assisting teachers with behavior management.
- Providing direct support to staff.

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY LIAISON:

- Obtaining and coordinating community resources to meet students' needs.
- Helping school districts receive adequate support from social and mental health agencies.
- Advocating for new and improved community/school service to meet the needs of students and families.
- Helping the system respond effectively to each child's needs.

SERVICES TO DISTRICTS:

- Assist in developing and implementing educational programs for children for exceptional children.
- Developing alternative programs for students with attendance concerns or involvement with the law.
- Identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect.
- Providing consultation regarding school law and school policy including IDEA and Section 504.
- Providing case management for students and families requiring multiple resources.

Nationwide Statistics for School Social Workers

- 142,633 school social workers currently employed in the United States.
- 82.5% of all school social workers are women, while 17.5% are men.
- The most common ethnicity of school social workers is White (65.9%), followed by Black or African American (17.8%) and Hispanic or Latino (9.6%).
- The majority of school social workers are located in New York, NY and Chicago, IL.
- 18% of all school social workers are LGBTQIA

What is School Social Work in Louisiana?

- Social workers address various needs in the educational setting
- Qualified School Social Work Ancillary Certificate with LDOE
- Louisiana School Social Work Association



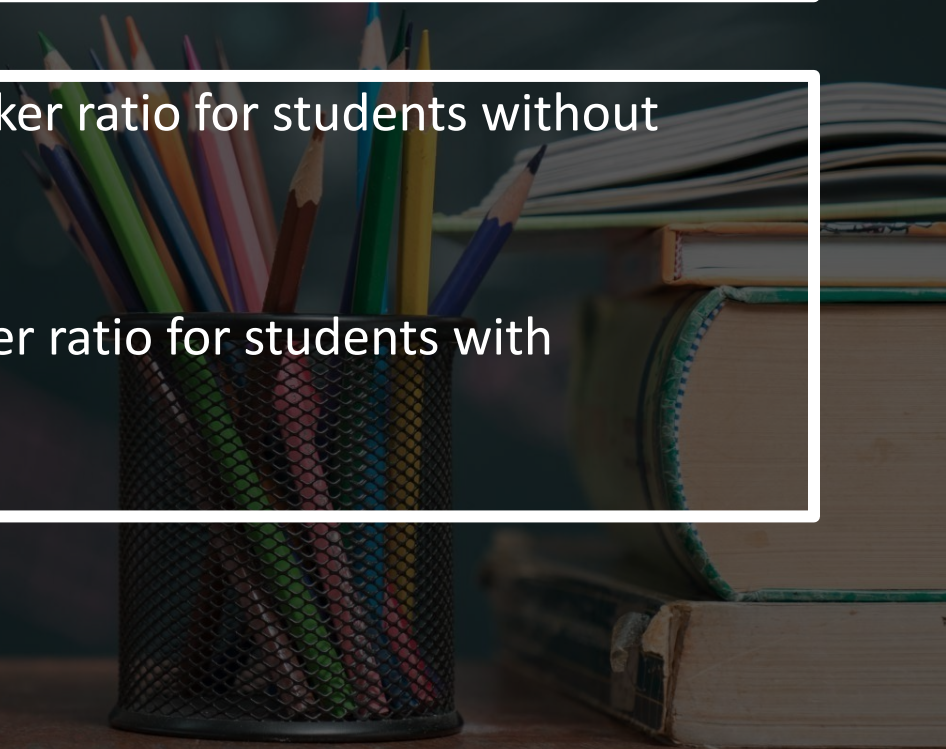
Different Types of School Social Workers

- Employed by the district
- Employed by the school
- Employed by an outside agency



NASW School Social Work Standards

- 250/1 student to school social worker ratio for students without exceptionalities
- 50/1 student to school social worker ratio for students with exceptionalities




School Social Workers Get Mistaken For...

- School counselors
- Disciplinarians
- Child protection workers
- School psychologists
- Miracle workers



Ethical Dilemmas in School Social Work

The No-Win Position (Sandra Kopels)

- When conflicts of interests arise between school policy and the professional ethics of school social workers.
 - School social workers must weigh their duties to their clients against their employers' expectations.
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Safe and Healthy Schools Resources and Reminders



2024 School Safety Summit

- Save the date for the 2024 Louisiana School Safety Summit
 - July 10-11
 - Virtual event
 - Registration coming soon



Please contact healthyschools@la.gov with questions.



2024 Medical Simulation Training Expo

- The Simulation Training and Education Council of Louisiana (SMTEC-LA) invites Louisiana simulation educators, operations specialist, and program coordinators to attend the 2024 Simulation Expo
- New Orleans, Louisiana on the LSU Health New Orleans campus on **Friday, April 19, 2024**
- Event is free to all Louisiana educators and made possible by a Louisiana Board of Regents funded grant
- [2024 Simulation Expo Registration](#)
- Contact dlofas@lsuhsc.edu for more information

For questions contact elizabeth.duncan@la.gov

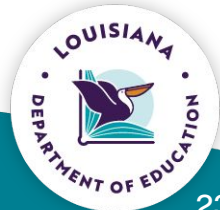


Spring 2024 Training for Medicaid School Based Services

Registration has been extended for the LDOE and Louisiana Department of Health **in person trainings on Medicaid Funding for School Based Services**. School systems are encouraged to register teams including the Medicaid coordinator of school based services, time study coordinator, business manager, nursing coordinator, and coordinators of behavioral health and therapy services.

- **Dates:**
 - **April 11; Mandeville**
 - **April 17; Shreveport**
- **Deadline to register April 1**

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Monthly Call Slides

Monthly call presentations are available in the [School System Planning Library](#).

- Office of Career and College Readiness
 - Healthy Communities
 - Healthy Schools Community of Practice

Schedules, access links and information for the Department's webinars can be found in the [LDOE Weekly Newsletter](#) and [School System Support Calendar](#).

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Questions?



Healthy Schools Community of Practice

April 25, 2024

Focus Presentation

Behavioral Threat Assessment



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